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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--APRIL 1992

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in April to a level of 139.5 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in April, the CPI-U increased 3.2 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.2 percent in April prior to seasonal adjustment. The April 1992 CPI-W level of 137.3 was 3.0 percent higher than the index in April 1991.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in April. This compares with an increase of 0.5 percent in March. The April moderation was reflected in most component indexes. The food index, which rose 0.5 percent in March, declined 0.1 percent in April. A sharp turnaround in the index for fresh fruits and vegetables was largely responsible for the decrease. The index for energy rose 0.4 percent in

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos ended Apr. '92
	Changes from preceding month								
	1991			1992					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All items	.2	.4	.2	.1	.3	.5	.2	4.1	3.2
Food and beverages	.0	.4	.3	-.4	.3	.5	.0	3.2	1.2
Housing	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.4	.1	3.0	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	.2	.6	-1.1	.3	1.5	.6	-.7	5.7	2.5
Transportation	-.2	.4	.2	-.3	-.2	.7	.5	4.2	2.5
Medical care	.6	.5	.7	.7	.8	.5	.5	7.8	7.9
Entertainment	.2	-.1	-.4	.1	.4	.4	.6	5.5	3.1
Other goods and services	.5	.6	.6	.3	.5	.5	.7	6.9	6.8
Special indexes:									
Energy	.0	.8	.1	-1.5	-.9	.6	.4	.4	.0
Food	-.1	.4	.3	-.4	.3	.5	-.1	3.0	1.0
All items less food and energy	.2	.3	.2	.3	.4	.5	.3	4.8	3.9

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April, following a 0.6 percent gain in March. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in April after advancing 0.5 percent in March. A sharp downturn in the apparel index, coupled with a smaller increase in shelter costs, accounted for almost 90 percent of the deceleration in the CPI less food and energy component between March and April.

During the first 4 months of 1992, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.3 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate. This compares with a 3.1 percent increase in the 12 months ended in December 1991.

The food and beverages index was unchanged in April. Grocery store food prices, which rose 0.7 percent in March, declined 0.2 percent in April, largely as a result of a sharp turnaround in the index for fresh fruits and vegetables--down 1.9 percent in April after advancing 6.1 percent in March. Within the fresh fruits category, sharp price declines were recorded for both bananas and oranges. The index for oranges, which increased 60.2 percent in the first 9 months of 1991, has declined 40.4 percent in the past 7 months to a level 4.5 percent below that of December 1990. Fresh vegetable prices continued to increase on average in April, but not as much as usual for this time of year--after seasonal adjustment they declined 1.2 percent. Tomato prices, which rose 110.1 percent in the first 3 months of 1992, turned down in April, declining 4.0 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which was unchanged in March, rose 0.2 percent in April. Declines in prices for beef and pork were more than offset by increases in the indexes for poultry, eggs, and fish and seafood. Among other grocery store food groups, declines of 0.3 percent were recorded in the indexes for dairy products and other food at home, while the index for cereal and bakery products continued to advance substantially, increasing 0.6 percent in April. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.1 and 0.4 percent, respectively, in April.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in April, following an increase of 0.4 percent in March. A smaller increase in shelter costs--up 0.1 percent in April--was responsible for the moderation. The other two major housing groups--fuel and other utilities and household furnishings and operation--each advanced the same as in March--up 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively. Within shelter, renters' and homeowners' costs rose 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively, while maintenance and repair costs declined 0.3 percent. The index for household fuels increased 0.6 percent in April, as increases in the indexes for natural gas and fuel oil--up 2.4 and 0.5 percent, respectively--more than offset a slight decline in charges for electricity. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.4 percent as a decline in charges for telephone services was more than offset by large increases in the indexes for water and sewerage maintenance, refuse collection, and cable television.

The transportation index rose 0.5 percent in April, following a 0.7 percent advance in March. Smaller increases in the indexes for motor fuels and new vehicles were responsible for the moderation. Gasoline prices, which rose 0.8 percent in March, increased 0.2 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment they increased 1.7 percent.) Despite registering increases in the past 2 months, gasoline prices were 17.7 percent below their peak level of November 1990. New vehicle prices increased 0.4 percent in April, following a 0.7 percent advance in March. Automobile finance charges were unchanged in April. On the other hand, used car prices rose 1.9 percent, their first increase in 5 months. Automobile insurance costs increased 1.0 percent, their largest increase since August 1991. The index for public transportation costs rose 0.8 percent in April, following a 1.9 percent advance in March, again largely as a result of increased airline fares. These fares rose 1.2 percent in April as airlines began restructuring their fares.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 0.7 percent in April after seasonal adjustment. Lower prices were recorded for women's, men's, and boys' apparel, reflecting earlier than usual markdowns.

The medical care component rose 0.5 percent in April, the same as in March, to a level 7.9 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.5 percent, reflecting an increase of 0.7 percent in prescription drugs. Within medical care services, the cost of professional services rose 0.6 percent and hospital and related services rose 0.9 percent.

Entertainment costs rose 0.6 percent in April, following a 0.4 percent rise in March. Increases in the index for sporting goods and equipment and fees for participant sports--up 1.0 and 1.4 percent, respectively--accounted for nearly 40 percent of the advance in the entertainment component.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.7 percent in April, following an increase of 0.5 percent in March. A 1.2 percent increase in the index for college tuition, coupled with a 0.8 percent rise in the index for tobacco and smoking products, accounted for about two-thirds of the April advance.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers also rose 0.2 percent in April.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted								Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '92
	Changes from preceding month									
	1991			1992						
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.			
All items	.2	.4	.2	.0	.2	.5	.2	3.9	3.0	
Food and beverages	.0	.3	.4	-.4	.3	.6	.0	3.5	1.2	
Housing	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	2.7	2.9	
Apparel and upkeep	.2	.5	-.9	.5	1.1	.9	-.8	5.1	2.6	
Transportation	-.1	.5	.1	-.5	-.2	.6	.6	4.3	2.3	
Medical care	.6	.6	.7	.6	.9	.5	.6	8.5	7.9	
Entertainment	.1	-.1	-.2	.1	.4	.4	.6	5.6	3.0	
Other goods and services	.6	.7	.5	.2	.6	.5	.5	6.4	6.6	
Special indexes:										
Energy	.0	.9	.1	-1.8	-.5	.5	.3	1.2	-.1	
Food	-.1	.4	.3	-.4	.3	.6	-.1	3.3	1.0	
All items less food and energy	.2	.4	.1	.4	.4	.4	.3	4.3	3.7	

Consumer Price Index data for May 1992 will be released on Friday
June 12, 1992, 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments--department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

In most cases, seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1987 through 1991 were replaced at the end of 1991. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

An alternative to the intervention-adjusted X-11-ARIMA procedure is the state space model-based seasonal adjustment method. This method adjusts simultaneously for interventions and seasonal effects, rather than sequentially as in the X-11-ARIMA methodology, using structural statistical models with explanatory variables. The state space structural model-based method of seasonal adjustment was introduced in 1992 for the adjustment of January 1991-December 1991 indexes for three Women's apparel series: Dresses, Separates and sportswear, and Suits.

A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202)504-2051.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category									
All items	100.000	139.3	139.5	139.5	3.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	417.2	417.9	417.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.627	138.8	138.8	138.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food	16.007	138.8	138.8	138.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food at home	9.928	137.7	137.7	137.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cereals and bakery products 1/	1.426	149.7	149.7	149.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.030	130.7	130.7	130.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dairy products 1/	1.829	137.7	137.7	137.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.854	162.0	162.0	162.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other food at home	2.382	128.8	128.8	128.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sugar and sweets 1/	0.344	133.2	133.2	133.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fats and oils 1/	0.260	129.9	129.9	129.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	0.339	138.8	138.8	138.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other prepared food	0.085	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food away from home 1/	6.085	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.621	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housing	41.544	136.6	136.5	136.5	3.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Shelter	27.894	136.6	136.5	136.5	3.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Renters' costs 2/	8.003	161.2	160.0	160.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent, residential	8.835	146.8	146.8	146.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other renters' costs	2.168	187.1	187.1	187.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Homeowners' costs 2/	19.003	154.2	154.2	154.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	19.003	154.2	154.2	154.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household insurance 1/ 2/	0.380	141.1	141.1	141.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	0.208	128.8	128.8	128.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair services 1/	0.125	132.0	132.0	132.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	0.083	123.5	122.4	122.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel and other utilities	7.327	119.8	119.8	119.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuels	4.057	105.2	105.1	105.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	0.419	90.5	89.9	89.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gas piped and electricity (energy services) 1/	3.638	111.5	111.3	111.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other utilities and public services 1/	3.270	141.7	142.2	142.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings and operation 1/	6.323	112.7	112.7	112.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housefurnishings 1/	6.323	112.7	112.7	112.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping supplies 1/	1.154	129.9	129.9	129.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping services 1/	1.469	130.3	130.3	130.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel and upkeep	6.097	133.6	133.6	133.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodities	5.053	133.6	133.6	133.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men's and boys' apparel	2.517	133.6	133.6	133.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women's and girls' apparel	2.536	133.6	133.6	133.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	0.218	122.7	122.7	122.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Footwear	0.800	142.8	142.8	142.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other apparel commodities 1/	0.522	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel services 1/	1.044	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation	17.013	124.4	125.2	125.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Private transportation	15.523	124.4	125.2	125.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New vehicles	3.002	117.7	117.7	117.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New cars	1.000	117.7	117.7	117.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Used cars	1.000	117.7	117.7	117.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motor fuel	3.304	93.0	93.0	93.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gasoline	1.320	93.0	93.0	93.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	1.520	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation commodities 1/	4.533	150.0	150.0	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation services 1/	0.678	105.2	104.8	104.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public transportation 1/	3.855	162.8	163.2	163.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care	6.689	187.7	188.1	188.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care commodities	1.256	187.7	187.7	187.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care services	5.433	187.7	188.1	188.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Professional medical services	3.213	173.4	174.1	174.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment 1/	4.357	141.2	142.0	142.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment commodities 1/	2.029	130.4	131.6	131.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment services 1/	2.330	150.8	155.2	155.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services	6.674	179.8	180.3	180.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tobacco and smoking products	1.665	121.5	121.5	121.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care 1/	1.187	133.9	138.5	138.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	0.632	136.1	137.0	137.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care services 1/	0.555	147.5	147.5	147.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational expenses	3.822	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
School books and supplies	0.243	188.6	188.6	188.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational services	3.579	194.0	194.5	194.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	139.3	139.5	139.5	3.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2
Commodities	44.487	128.4	128.8	128.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food and beverages	17.627	138.8	138.8	138.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food and beverages 1/	26.860	122.1	122.1	122.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	5.135	131.0	131.0	131.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodities	5.053	133.6	133.6	133.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	10.489	124.8	125.7	125.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables	10.136	138.9	138.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	21.513	150.5	150.5	150.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	8.915	128.0	128.2	128.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	9.864	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation services	7.027	166.0	166.6	166.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care services	5.433	187.7	188.1	188.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other services	4.027	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special indexes									
All items less food	83.993	139.5	139.7	139.7	3.6	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2
All items less shelter	72.106	136.2	136.2	136.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	80.117	140.8	141.1	141.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less medical care	93.311	136.5	136.7	136.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food	26.860	122.1	122.1	122.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food 1/	12.110	122.1	122.1	122.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables 1/	33.651	133.1	133.1	133.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less rent of shelter 2/	28.241	155.0	155.0	155.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less medical care services	50.080	147.1	147.1	147.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy	9.236	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less energy	92.363	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less food and energy	76.633	146.4	146.4	146.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.757	132.1	132.4	132.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy commodities	3.779	154.7	154.7	154.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less energy services	51.976	140.0	140.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:									
1982=81.00 1/	-	8.718	8.717	8.717	-3.0	-1.1	-1.3	-1.6	-1.1
1967=81.00 1/	-	240	239	239	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Jul. 1992	3 months ended- Oct. 1991	Jan. 1992	Apr. 1992	6 months ended- Oct. 1991	Apr. 1992
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.4	3.6	2.6	4.1	3.0	3.4
Food and beverages	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Food	136.8	137.2	137.9	137.9	136.8	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.3	1.7
Food at home	135.4	136.0	137.0	137.0	136.7	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.9	1.9
Cereals and bakery products 1/	148.9	149.3	149.7	149.7	148.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	130.1	130.5	130.5	130.5	130.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dairy products 1/	128.2	128.1	128.1	128.1	127.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fruits and vegetables	128.5	128.5	128.5	128.5	128.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other food at home	132.0	132.4	132.9	132.9	132.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sugar and sweets 1/	130.7	131.3	131.9	131.9	130.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fats and oils 1/	118.7	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	139.0	139.0	139.0	139.0	138.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other prepared food	139.4	139.5	139.5	139.5	138.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food away from home 1/	145.3	145.7	146.5	146.5	145.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoholic beverages	135.7	136.0	136.5	136.5	135.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housing	135.7	136.0	136.5	136.5	135.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shelter	135.7	136.0	136.5	136.5	135.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Renters' costs	145.4	145.8	146.2	146.2	145.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent, residential	182.2	182.2	179.2	181.1	180.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other renters' costs	153.6	153.6	153.6	153.6	153.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Homeowners' costs 2/	128.0	128.3	128.4	128.4	128.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household insurance 1/ 2/	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair services 1/	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel and other utilities	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuels	88.1	88.2	88.4	88.3	-10.0	11.5	-18.8	.9	1.2	-9.5
Oil and other household fuel	113.1	113.8	114.2	113.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy	113.1	113.8	114.2	113.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other utilities and public services 1/	109.8	109.8	109.8	109.8	109.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings and operation 1/	129.5	129.5	129.5	129.5	129.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housefurnishings 1/	129.5	129.5	129.5	129.5	129.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping supplies 1/	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping services 1/	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel and upkeep	131.9	131.9	132.7	131.8	131.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodities	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men's and boys' apparel	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women's and girls' apparel	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Footwear	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other apparel commodities 1/	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel services 1/	145.4	146.5	146.8	146.8	146.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Private transportation	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New vehicles	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Used cars	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motor fuel	96.3	96.3	96.3	96.3	96.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gasoline	96.3	96.3	96.3	96.3	96.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repairs	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.4	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation	105.3	104.9	105.2	104.8	3.5	.4	3.9	-1.9	1.9	1.0
Public transportation 1/	161.9	161.7	162.5	163.4	5.7	3.8	2.7	2.8	1.0	2.7
Medical care	184.5	186.0	187.0	188.0	7.5	7.9	7.7	7.8	2.9	8.8
Medical care commodities	184.5	186.0	187.0	188.0	7.5	7.9	7.7	7.8	2.9	8.8
Medical care services	184.5	186.0	187.0	188.0	7.5	7.9	7.7	7.8	2.9	8.8
Professional medical services	172.2	172.3	172.3	172.3	172.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment 1/	140.3	140.7	141.2	142.0	2.6	5.6	1.3	5.5	0.9	7.4
Entertainment commodities 1/	130.0	130.2	130.2	130.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment services 1/	152.4	153.2	153.3	153.3	4.9	6.6	1.0	6.4	0.9	7.4
Other goods and services	178.4	179.5	180.4	181.6	5.8	8.9	8.0	8.9	7.3	9.5
Tobacco and smoking products	121.6	121.6	121.6	121.6	121.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care 1/	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Toilet goods and personal care	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Appliances 1/	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care services 1/	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational expenses	185.9	186.8	187.2	188.4	4.8	10.0	7.0	10.0	4.0	10.4
School books and supplies	192.1	192.1	192.1	192.1	192.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational services	192.1	192.1	192.1	192.1	192.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodity and service group										
All items	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Commodities	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Food and beverages	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Apparel commodities	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Nondurables less food, beverages,	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
and apparel 1/	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Durables	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Services	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Household services less rent	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
of shelter 2/	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Transportation services	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Medical care services	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Other services	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	137.5	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.3	2.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
All items less shelter	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
All items less medical care	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Commodities less food	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Nondurables less food 1/	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Nondurables 1/	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Services less rent of shelter 2/	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Services less medical care services	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Energy	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
All items less energy	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
All items less food and energy	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Commodities less food and energy	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Energy commodities	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0
Services less energy services	138.4	138.8	139.5	139.9	138.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	2.0

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index (1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1992 from-			Percent change to Mar. 1992 from-		
			Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Mar. 1991	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992
U.S. city average		M	138.1	138.6	139.3	139.5	3.2	0.6	0.1	3.2	0.9	0.5
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban		M	144.9	145.3	146.2	146.3	3.3	.7	.1	3.4	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	145.3	145.7	146.8	146.8	3.3	.8	.0	3.4	1.0	.8
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	144.5	145.1	145.7	145.8	3.3	.7	.1	3.4	.9	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	143.4	143.5	144.2	144.3	3.4	.6	.1	3.5	.8	.5
North Central urban		M	134.1	134.3	134.8	135.1	3.7	.6	.1	3.7	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	135.0	135.6	136.0	136.3	3.8	.8	.1	3.9	.7	.6
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	133.5	133.7	134.2	134.3	3.7	1.0	.1	3.8	.9	.7
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	135.4	135.7	136.2	136.4	3.8	.5	.1	3.9	.8	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	128.7	129.1	130.0	130.3	2.6	.9	.2	3.0	1.0	.7
South urban		M	134.4	134.9	135.5	135.9	3.9	.7	.3	3.7	.8	.6
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	134.8	135.5	136.0	136.3	3.9	.8	.3	3.8	.9	.7
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	135.8	136.3	136.7	137.0	3.9	.8	.4	3.8	.7	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	133.6	134.0	134.6	135.1	3.7	.8	.4	3.8	.7	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	132.5	133.1	133.6	134.1	2.4	.8	.4	2.1	.8	.4
West urban		M	139.8	140.5	141.1	141.3	3.7	.6	.1	3.9	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	141.8	142.4	143.0	143.2	3.9	.8	.1	4.0	.9	.7
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	136.6	137.1	138.3	138.7	3.7	1.2	.3	3.8	1.2	.9
Size classes												
A 3/		M	125.7	126.1	126.7	126.8	3.3	.6	.1	3.3	.8	.5
B		M	127.2	127.8	128.5	128.8	3.0	.7	.1	3.0	.8	.5
C		M	136.4	136.7	137.6	137.7	3.7	.7	.1	3.8	.7	.6
D		M	133.2	133.7	134.4	134.6	3.4	.8	.1	3.5	.9	.5
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		M	138.9	139.2	139.7	139.8	3.7	.6	.1	3.8	.8	.6
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA		M	144.3	144.9	145.5	145.6	3.9	.8	.1	4.0	.9	.7
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		M	147.3	148.0	149.1	149.2	3.9	.8	.1	4.0	1.1	.8
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD		M	144.4	145.2	145.4	145.4	3.8	.8	.1	3.9	.8	.6
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA		M	140.3	141.0	141.9	142.0	3.8	.8	.1	3.9	.8	.6
Baltimore, MD		M	138.0	-	138.7	-	-	-	-	3.8	.8	.6
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH		M	146.3	-	147.9	-	-	-	-	4.0	.9	.7
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH		M	136.2	-	136.3	-	-	-	-	3.8	.8	.6
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL		M	135.9	-	136.7	-	-	-	-	3.9	.8	.6
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL		M	135.9	-	136.8	-	-	-	-	3.9	.8	.6
Washington, DC-MD-VA		M	142.9	-	143.0	-	-	-	-	4.0	.9	.7
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX		M	-	132.4	-	132.5	3.2	.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		M	-	132.9	-	132.9	3.2	.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Bradford, TX		M	-	132.0	-	132.0	3.2	.1	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA		M	-	134.3	-	134.3	3.2	.6	-	-	-	-

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.
 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

3/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group
(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from		
			Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
	All items	100.000	137.0	137.3	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
	All items (1982-100)	-	408.1	408.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Food and beverages	19.547	138.4	138.5	-	-	-	-	-
	Food	17.811	137.7	137.7	-	-	-	-	-
	Food at home	17.244	137.0	137.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Cereals and bakery products 1/	6.225	135.9	135.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	5.599	138.0	138.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Dairy products 1/	3.353	137.0	137.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Fruits and vegetables	4.558	137.0	137.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Other food at home	2.738	137.0	137.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Sugar and sweets 1/	3.387	137.0	137.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Fats and oils 1/	2.298	137.0	137.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Nonalcoholic beverages	1.861	137.0	137.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Other prepared food	1.192	137.0	137.0	-	-	-	-	-
	Food away from home 1/	6.567	139.9	139.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Alcoholic beverages	1.737	146.6	146.6	-	-	-	-	-
	Housing	39.078	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Shelter	29.593	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Renters' costs 2/	8.115	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Rent, residential	6.678	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Other renters' costs	4.377	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Homeowners' costs 2/	2.255	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Owners' equivalent rent 2/	1.953	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Household insurance 1/ 2/	3.272	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Maintenance and repairs 1/	2.022	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Maintenance and repair services 1/	1.109	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Fuel and other utilities	1.093	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Fuels	4.245	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Fuel oil and other household fuel	3.883	90.3	89.7	-4.8	1.7	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.766	111.0	110.8	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.1
	Other utilities and public services 1/	3.403	142.3	142.7	-	-	-	-	-
	Household furnishings and operation 1/	3.932	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Household furnishings 1/	3.615	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Housekeeping supplies	1.189	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Housekeeping services 1/	1.022	134.0	133.9	-	-	-	-	-
	Apparel and upkeep	6.092	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Apparel commodities	5.588	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Men's and boys' apparel	2.445	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Women's and girls' apparel	2.143	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	0.995	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Footwear	0.884	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Other apparel commodities 1/	1.022	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Apparel services 1/	0.526	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Transportation	18.939	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Private transportation	17.600	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	New vehicles	4.924	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Used cars	3.614	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Motor fuel	2.040	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Gasoline	1.988	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Maintenance and repairs 1/	1.594	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Other private transportation	5.173	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Other private transportation commodities 1/	0.856	104.6	104.1	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
	Public transportation 1/	4.317	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Medical care	5.674	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Medical care commodities	4.024	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Medical care services	1.650	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Professional medical services	2.735	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Entertainment 1/	4.027	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Entertainment commodities 1/	1.100	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Entertainment services 1/	2.927	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Other goods and services	6.643	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Tobacco and smoking products	1.196	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Personal care 1/	1.146	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	0.652	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Personal care services 1/	3.494	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	School and educational expenses	3.302	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	School books and supplies	3.211	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Personal and educational services	3.091	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Commodity and service group	100.000	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Commodities	48.884	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Food and beverages	19.547	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Commodities less food and beverages	29.337	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	2.295	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Apparel commodities	5.588	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	1.707	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Durables	1.709	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Services	29.041	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	8.756	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Household services less rent of shelter 2/	1.051	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Transportation services	4.660	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Medical care services	4.024	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Other services	6.028	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Special indexes	100.000	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	All items less food	80.453	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	All items less shelter	74.407	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	All items less homeowners' costs 2/	82.725	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	All items less medical care	93.315	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Commodities less food	29.337	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Nondurables less food 1/	19.041	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	1.707	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Nondurables	3.402	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Services less rent of shelter	20.285	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Services less medical care services	4.024	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Energy	4.660	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	All items less energy	95.340	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	All items less food and energy	70.913	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.222	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Services less energy services	4.024	133.2	133.2	-	-	-	-	-
	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1982-84=100 1/	-	8.730	8.729	-0.8	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.2
	1967-81=100 1/	-	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Jan 1992	Feb 1992	Mar 1992	Apr 1992	Jul 1992	3 months ended Oct 1991	3 months ended Jan 1992	3 months ended Apr 1992	6 months ended Oct 1991	6 months ended Apr 1992
Expenditure category										
All items	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Food at home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Cereals and bakery products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Dairy products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Fruits and vegetables	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other food at home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Sugar and sweets	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Fats and oils	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Alcoholic beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other prepared food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Food away from home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Alcoholic beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Housing	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Renters' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Rent, residential	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other renters' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Homeowners' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Household insurance	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Maintenance and repairs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Maintenance and repair services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Fuel and other utilities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Fuels	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other utilities and public services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Household furnishings and operation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Household furnishings	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Housekeeping supplies	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Housekeeping services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Apparel and upkeep	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Apparel commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Men's and boys' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Women's and girls' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Footwear	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other apparel commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Apparel services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Private transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
New vehicles	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Used cars	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Motor fuel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Gasoline	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Maintenance and repairs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other private transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other private transportation commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other private transportation services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Public transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Medical care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Medical care commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Professional medical services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Entertainment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Entertainment commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Entertainment services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other goods and services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Tobacco and smoking products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Personal care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Personal care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Personal and educational expenses	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
School books and supplies	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Personal and educational services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Commodity and service group										
All items	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Commodities less food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Apparel commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Durables	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Rent of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Transportation services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Other services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
All items less shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
All items less homeowners' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
All items less medical care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Commodities less food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Nondurables	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Services less rent of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Services less medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
All items less food and energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Commodities less food and energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Energy commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1
Services less energy services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.7	3.1

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
 2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
 Data not available.
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index
1952=100, unless otherwise noted¹

CPI-W	Area	Price schedule ^{1/}	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1952 from-			Percent change to Mar. 1952 from-		
			Jan. 1952	Feb. 1952	Mar. 1952	Apr. 1952	Jan. 1952	Feb. 1952	Mar. 1952	Jan. 1952	Feb. 1952	Mar. 1952
U.S. city average		M	134.0	134.4	137.0	137.3	3.0	0.7	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
North Central urban		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	128.0	128.3	129.5	129.7	2.4	1.1	1.3	2.7	1.0	1.8
South urban		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	132.8	133.3	133.7	134.0	2.2	0.7	0.4	2.0	0.7	0.3
West urban		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	133.3	133.7	136.1	136.4	2.9	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4
Size classes												
A 2/		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
B		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
C		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
D		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Baltimore, MD		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Washington, DC-MD-VA		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Houston-Galveston-Beaumont, TX		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA		M	134.4	134.8	137.2	137.5	3.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.5

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.
J - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
F - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
Indexes on a December 1952=100 base.

Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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